

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES B.  
KLIEBENSTEIN

**HON. TOM LATHAM**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. James B. Kliebenstein, professor of Agricultural Economics at Iowa State University, on receiving the 2008 Distinguished Teaching Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association. I wish to express my appreciation for Dr. Kliebenstein's dedication and commitment to fostering the educational development and personal growth of Iowa students.

After obtaining a doctorate of Philosophy from University of Illinois-Urbana, Dr. Kliebenstein went on to work for Northwest Missouri State University, the Department of Agricultural Economics and the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and University of Missouri-Columbia. For the past 22 years, Professor Kliebenstein has contributed his time and talents to improving youths' lives through education and mentoring at Iowa State University.

At Iowa State University, Dr. Kliebenstein currently teaches agriculture business courses and advises undergraduate and graduate students. His excellence in teaching is affirmed by the highly positive feedback from his students. For his Farm Planning and Organization class, Dr. Kliebenstein received a 100% approval rating from all of his students. Professor Kliebenstein also conducts research on agricultural production technologies and the costs and benefits of livestock production.

Dr. Kliebenstein has truly made a lasting impact on students, family, and faculty throughout his illustrious career, and his passion for teaching at Iowa State University is admirable. I consider it an honor to represent Dr. James B. Kliebenstein in the United States Congress, and I wish him the best of luck in future endeavors.

HONORING THE JOINT MANUFACTURING AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER AT ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank and congratulate Colonel Craig Cotter and the dedicated working men and women at the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center located at the Rock Island Arsenal federal campus.

Since 1862 the Rock Island Arsenal has been providing the supplies and equipment American soldiers need to protect this country.

Today the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center (JMTC)—under the command of the Army Materiel Command—continues that proud tradition of meeting the needs of our Armed Forces.

JMTC's technological and manufacturing expertise has been essential to protecting our nation in the 21st Century. At no time was this fact more evident than when insurgents in Iraq began using improvised explosive devices to attack Humvees and other military vehicles. The Army needed an immediate solution and JMTC was the only manufacturing center ready and able to provide it. JMTC used their rapid-response design and manufacturing capacity to produce dozens of "up-armor kits" before final engineering was even complete. In a matter of days the first armor kits were designed, produced, and on their way to Iraq. To date, JMTC has produced thousands of armor kits and is poised to expand their armaments development into new titanium and lightweight composite materials.

JMTC is truly a center of industrial and technological excellence. In 2006 and 2007 they earned the Shingo Prize Public Sector Gold Medallion for the Forward Repair System, making JMTC the Army's only two time winner of this prestigious award. JMTC has also met high work standards with the M119 Towed Howitzer, gunner protection armor kit, shop equipment contact maintenance vehicle, and small arms parts program.

Madam Speaker, the women and men at JMTC are indispensable to our long-term national security. This facility is poised to develop the materials and technologies we will need to protect the United States for decades to come.

HONORING PASTOR DONALD BATTLE OF DIVINE FAITH MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

**HON. DAVID SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a spiritual and community leader in my district, Pastor Donald Battle of Divine Faith Ministries International, on the occasion of his 54th birthday.

Pastor Donald E. Battle and his wife of 34 years, Gwen, along with their three adult daughters, TaVondria, Jamie, and Christin, are all leaders of this life-changing body of believers. I am proud that the southern campus of Divine Faith Ministries International, along with Divine Faith's School of Biblical Studies, are both located in my district, the 13th Congressional District of Georgia.

Pastor Battle is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Gwen. He served in the U.S. Army six years and served 15 years in

Georgia law enforcement as a police detective for the City of Atlanta. Pastor Battle's ministry began in 1990 as Divine Faith Baptist Church with a group of 60 members. Today, Madam Speaker, Divine Faith Ministries International currently serves God with a membership of over 8,000. This explosive growth can be directly traced to the servant leadership of Pastor Battle and his family.

But Pastor Battle does not content himself with service in the church alone. A leader in the community, Pastor Battle has served in the Association of Christian Ministers of Clayton County, and guided the creation of the Clayton County Public Schools' Mentorship Forum. The forum includes business leaders, judicial system leaders, state and local elected officials and pastors who serve to mentor high school students. Pastor Battle also led the call for incorporating the faith community in the Clayton County youth offender program to allow churches to be involved in the juvenile offenders' community service program.

Other examples of Pastor Battle's unshakable commitment to the 13th District and the entire Atlanta area are Divine Faith Ministries International television broadcasts which reach thousands of homes weekly, a day care program—Divine Faith Ministries Christian Academy, and the Divine Faith Ministries School of Biblical Studies.

Again Madam Speaker, I am honored to recognize this great man on his birthday. His presence, his purpose and his commitment to service have blessed not only his family, his friends and his congregation, but undoubtedly the entire world as the effects of his ministry are felt in the hearts of thousands. Thank you for the opportunity to honor Pastor Donald Battle, his family and Divine Faith Ministries International.

HONORING RYAN DANIEL SALMON

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 16, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize, Ryan Daniel Salmon, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan Daniel Salmon for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

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